

FOR WOMEN AND HOME

ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR MAIDS AND MATRONS.

Fall Gown—For the Little Folks—Feather cutting. How to May No Done by an Amateur—Successful Shoppers—Our Cooking School.

The Seven Ages of Women.

At first the infant's cry, soft, warm and white. With cheeks and mouth and nostrils, in every shape.

The girly schoolgirl's hat, a wall and a wall. Any old thing that looks not like play.

The wedding veil's hat, yet, smart or trim. According to "sweet success" mind or skin.

Princess of all, the bride's wreath and veil. Which makes the girl's eyes and nose and hair.

The low-browed mother's "domino" by which she's seen. With "daddy" eyes for, eyes and looks again.

The well-dressed housewife of the chamber. Which makes the girl's eyes and nose and hair.

East more of all, the widow's patch and veil. Which makes the girl's eyes and nose and hair.

West more of all, the widow's patch and veil. Which makes the girl's eyes and nose and hair.

Feather Cutting.

Feather cutting is a business by itself, and to excel in it requires long practice. It takes time and patience to pay some one else to do it, but a few directions will be given, for you might find yourself in a situation that you would be obliged to do it yourself. Take an old feather to practice on, in the recommendation of Harper's Bazar. Buy a regular cutting knife, they are kept at most hardware stores. The blade is a peculiar shape—short and narrow, and has a curve. Have ready a teacup of boiling water, and hold the head of the feather over the steam for a few moments. Now take the feather in both hands, and, spreading out the base to their full length, pass back and forth through the steam, but do not let it get too wet. In the same manner wave it from side to side, not up and down, for a few moments, to partially dry it. When dry enough it is ready for cutting. Begin at the stem on the right side, holding the feather with the fingers of the left hand underneath and the thumb on top. The motion is curling in outward and downward, taking a few lines at a time, and the feather should be as curled that the ends are hidden or rolled under. As the broad part of the feather is reached the knife must extend farther out, not making an abrupt curve. When the head is reached a short curve is all that is required, and as you begin to curl the opposite side you change the position of the left hand. This time put the hand over the feather instead of under, but the motion of curling is the same. After the sides are curled the stem at the head must be concealed, and this is done by "heading up." Holding the feather firmly with the thumb on top, take up a few lines, and, pressing them sharply against the thumb nail, lay them over the stem. Do the same on the opposite side, and continue to do this four times. By looking at a well-curved feather you will get a clearer idea of this, as it is something that really requires to be demonstrated. To drive the feather, place the blade of the knife underneath the stem and press against the thumb. Beginning at the base, work up to the head until the desired curve is obtained.

Beautiful Shoppers. A common form of neglect is the shoulders, which are allowed in childhood to grow up straight, and take on an awkward slant, often then are crowded so by ill-fitting corsets that they seriously displace the collar bone, instead of arching gracefully, they should be level, large, erect, inseparably descending and well poised, making the waist appear round and small. Massage and oil will do much to line up the neglected shoulders, while the skin cap be whitened and made beautifully firm by the use of a French hair cream. Beat the whites of four eggs in rose water, adding a few grains of alum; beat until the paste is thick. Spread the composition on a layer of old linen and apply to the neck and shoulders at night. French ladies are so expressive with their shoulders that they give them every advantage, as their "shrug" is a part of French conversation. An authority on this subject says: "A difficult habit to break is that easy, lazy manner of sagging down when sitting, which, in addition to sleeping on high pillows, makes so many round shoulders and crooked chests. People should always watch themselves, and when they discover the fault straighten up; but it is so easy to settle down in this way after years of indulgence in the habit that many get discouraged and prefer to grow crooked. Let me warn you, ladies, to be eternally vigilant in acquiring a good sitting posture. The joints you possess were given you to bend with, and it is almost a crime to sag down as if you had no lungs or other vital organs. Hold in the back, throw the chest out, bend from the hips only, and so contribute to the perfection of your figure, your beauty and your health."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Pretty Face. A very pretty way to fill up an ugly space between two door casings which is not suitable to hang a picture in, or in case one does not own a picture the proper size and shape, is to take a length of china silk of a harmonious tint and lay it in tucks standing upward. It is necessary to begin at the

FALL GOWN.



Fall gown, in two shades of dull lavender. Design in black velvet applied to edges, outlined by silk braid. At the bottom of the skirt is a circular ruffle, attached in turn to another, giving a novel fullness. These are decorated by lapped plaits. Yoke and sleeves are finished with a dark shade of silk.—Boston Herald.

top of the space, at the fringe it possible, and lay the tucks deep enough to hold up photographs. These tucks should be tucked with brass-headed tacks to keep them in place, and the silk drawn tightly across the space. This is a pretty decoration even with but a few pictures if the color is well chosen. Where there are a great many pictures, the background is completely covered, a firm quality of a less expensive material will do just as well. Where there is a set of pictures, which would make a straight string of views across the panel the silk can be especially arranged so as to form a top fold as well as the lower holding fold with perfect effect. A lattice of ribbons or tapes may be used in the same way, and such a collection is always far more interesting than in a basket or album, both of which are so terribly commonplace that they are never seen nowadays, except as curiosities.

For the Little Folks.



Prock of light blue serge, trimmed with bands of darker blue. Vest of white pique.

To Check the Decay of Teeth. Those persons whose teeth crumble and acquire cavities readily may do much toward checking dental decay by using a very simple remedy. Get a bottle of milk of magnesia and each night, after brushing the teeth, just

before retiring, hold some of it in the mouth for a minute, that it may reach each side of every tooth. By this process a coating of the magnesia is formed over the sensitive enamel, which protects it from the action of the acids that form in the mouth during sleep. The magnesia will remain on the teeth three or four hours. Washing the mouth with a solution of bicarbonate of soda after eating some fruits or salads is recommended by dentists, as the soda, like the magnesia, counteracts the injurious effects of the acids upon the enamel.

OUR COOKING SCHOOL.

French Fudding. One cup of sugar, one of milk, three of flour, two eggs, one-half cup of butter, two teaspoonfuls baking powder. This should be spread over a bread, shallow pan. On top of this latter place peaches, halved, peeled and seeded. In the hollows put sugar, a bit of butter and a drop of vanilla. Bake and eat warm with milk.

Prickling Cauliflower. Take whitest and closest cauliflowers in bunches, spread on earthen dish, cover them with salt, and let stand three days to draw out all the water. Then put in jars, pour boiling salt and water over them, let stand over night; then drain with a hair sieve and put in glass jars; fill up jars with vinegar; cover tight.

Rhubarb Cake. One cup of butter, two cups of sugar, one cup of sweet milk, five eggs, four cups of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder, flavoring of any kind. Take one-third of the batter and add one cup of chopped rhubarb and strain and a little spice. Bake in jelly tin, the first layer in the middle, with jelly between.

Wet Oysters. Select largest and finest oysters. Drain and wipe them by spreading upon cloth, laying another over them, pressing lightly. Roll each in beaten egg, then in cracker crumbs with which has been mixed a very little pepper. Fry in mixture of equal parts of lard and butter.

For from It. "Katie, does your teacher ever have you read in union?" "No, ma'am. She has us read to Tompkins."

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

A Variety of Jokes, Glibes and Truises, Original and Selected—Truises and Jokes from the Side of Humor—Witty Sayings.

The Little Things. "Carver little things," His father used to say; "Remember 'tis the little that brings The large return your way."

As little did he heed The truth his father taught; He heard the precious words indeed, But very soon forgot.

One day he came, As if an errand winged— A word had stung him; now he knows The power of little things.

And so he thinks of what His father had to say; It was a min, but it had brought A large return his way!

What Did She Mean?



Henri—I hope we shall enjoy our walk to the ruined castle this afternoon—

Rose—Oh! I think so; I always like to go out with an object—Ally Sloper.

Why She Was Astoned. He had been out for a day's fishing, and so he proudly displayed the contents of his basket to his wife, she exclaimed: "O John, aren't they beautiful! But I've been so anxious for the last hour, dear."

"Fishish little ones," said John, carelessly, "why, what could have happened to me?"

"O, I didn't worry about you, love, but it grew so late I was afraid that before you got back to town the fish shops would all be shut."—Philadelphia North American.

He Spoke That. "What I like," she said, "is a person who is frank—one who says just what he means, without beating about the bush."

"Well," he replied, "I'll be straight-forward. There is something I wanted to tell you for an hour or more, but—"

"Yes," she urged, with suppressed excitement, seeing that he hesitated; "what is it?"

"There is a big black streak down one side of your nose. I think it's soot."—Answers.

More Coming. "Will you not praise Miss Dorsey's last novel, 'Lionel'?" asked the hostess.

"If I only thought it was as last novel," responded the bored gentleman, "I would willingly give as praise with pleasure. But how do I know it is her last?"

The Core-Fed Philosopher. "It is only the very young husband," said the Core-Fed Philosopher, "who hastens to tell his wife as soon as he gets a raise of salary."—Indianapolis Journal.

No Use for Them.



Servant—Please, ma'am, there is an old man at the door with wooden legs! Mistress—Tell him we don't want any!

Partly Right. "And Thoroughly really wanted to marry the youngest of Mrs. Kicksley's girls?"

"Yes, but before he knew it he found himself engaged to the eldest."

"His courtship must have been sadly mismanaged."

"No, it is generally thought it was."

Quoted Wrong. "What do you expect to do with all your money?" asked the multi-millionaire's spiritual adviser. "You can't take it with you where you are going."

"Yes, but I can," answered the multi-millionaire. "I am going to Europe."

AN ABYSSINIAN SHRINE.

One Dedicated to the Virgin Mary in Menelik's Dominion.

Dr. Koettitz, who accompanied Mr. Veld-Blandell and Lord Laval in their recent expedition to Negus Menelik's country, made a journey to Zoguala, the famous sacred mountain, which, he believes, was never before visited by an Englishman. His description of the trip is reprinted from the London Times. "Mount Zoguala, the mysterious sacred mountain of Abyssinians, is forty miles from the capital. It is 10,000 feet high, and in the form of a truncated cone. At its summit and in the crater is a remarkable lake 2-4 of a mile long, which is a veritable Abyssinian Lourdes or Pool of Siloam. It is the belief of the natives that bathing in its waters will cure all diseases. Close by are some springs dedicated to the Virgin Mary. According to the popular belief, barren women need only drink of these fountains to lose their sterility. The waters are regarded with the greatest worship and must on no account be employed for cooking or any other useful purpose. I saw quite a number of diseased creatures round the lake above crawling about or being carried on litters. The whole mountain—both sides and the crater—is densely wooded. The place is studied everywhere with hermitic huts, each of which is inhabited by holy men, who give service to the Virgin. Also, hidden away in the forests, are a large number of churches. I got into the good graces of the hermits by somewhat curious means. I was being shown over one of the churches, which are plentifully adorned with cheap colored Biblical pictures, made in Germany, when a priest with great awe, drew my attention to a study representation of St. George and the dragon. I endeavored to explain that St. George was the British as well as the Abyssinian patron saint, but the good men were very dubious until I hit upon the idea of producing a sovereign. This at once convinced him of the truth of my statement, and proved to their complete satisfaction that I was a Christian of a very high order. The whole mountain is curious in the extreme. I saw always one tree with three trunks, named in the case, which is regarded as an emblem of the Trinity and is hung with human hair and all sorts of trinkets. There are, too, curious crannies between the perpendicular rocks, through which it is an act of devotion to squeeze oneself. The sides of these apertures are highly polished and covered with greenish moss, the result of the religious activity of diseased pilgrims."

GREAT PRESENCE OF MIND.

It Is "Psychologically Interesting" from Another Point of View.

Describing the accident to a party of tourists while ascending the Schneekogel in Austria, where a runaway wagon ran off the line and fell, with its occupants, about sixty feet, Herr von Ompfeda, the German novelist, who broke a rib, wrote to a friend as follows, says the London Daily News: "It is psychologically interesting, that against my convictions as we fell, I knew exactly what to do. I waited until the wagon was in the middle of its fall and then, crossing my arms over my head, jumped off sideways. For my first thought was—before all, don't get under the wagon! The violinist (who was killed) was standing near me, clinging convulsively to the wagon and I was just about to cry to him, 'Let loose!' But it was too late. Singularly, I felt sure that my wife was safe. I somehow believed she had not fallen and I wanted to stand up and give her a sign. But I could not move. All at once she bent over me, with blood running out of her mouth, and said, 'Don't get up, get up!' I said, 'No, I can't move,' but I could not move. My glorious wife thought only of me and not for a moment of herself. Her left side is frightfully torn and bruised, but she is brave and keeps up. I am obliged to it still. So, enough." Is this not "psychologically interesting" from another point of view?

Rebbed His Back.

An engaging manner is useful everywhere. This axiom is amusingly illustrated by a story which John McCarty tells. "Soon after the civil war," he says, "I happened to be standing on a bridge in New York, musing myself by studying the crowd, when a shrill, youthful voice accented me with 'Cap'n, shine yer boots!' The chance distribution of military titles was ready and liberal at the time, when so many soldiers were returning to civilian life, and I paid no attention to the invitation. Just then a river boat black passed, and, imagining where the cause of my indifference lay, he advanced, and, pushing past the unsuccessful claimant, he gave me a military salute and appealed to me with the captivating words: 'Brigadier-general, shine yer boots!' I had my boots shined on the spot."—Youth's Companion.

Wild Deer Deceit Cross.

Middleton (N. Y.) special New York Journal. Len Boyd, who lives near the town of Deer Park, reported here that one day last week when he went to drive home his cows, he saw no less than seven deer feeding on his premises. Mr. Boyd says that he suffers considerable loss through the depredations of deer, which have devoured his apples and crops. He dreads not about them, because they are protected by law until 1901. He thinks that if the state protects deer it ought also to protect him against being eaten out of his farm by them.

Emperor's Employers.

There are 1,500 persons upon the German emperor's list of employees.

QUALITY AND NEWS.

FAME AND EXCELLENCE ARE DETERMINING FACTORS IN SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT.

One of the Important Functions of High-Class Newspapers.

In presenting interesting phases of scientific and economic problems, high-class newspapers frequently give information of as great value in their advertising columns as in those devoted to the publication of the principal events of the day; and when the fame of a product is extended beyond its natural limits into foreign lands, and a large demand created throughout Great Britain and her colonies and the principal resorts and cities of Europe, Asia and Africa, it becomes a pleasant duty to note the fact and to tell of the points of excellence on which so great a success is based. We refer to the new world-famous laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs, the product of the California Fig Syrup Company. The merits of this well-known excellent laxative were first made known to the world through the medical journals and newspapers of the United States; and is one of the distinct achievements of the press. It is now well known that Syrup of Figs is an ethical proprietary remedy, approved by the most eminent physicians everywhere, because it is simple and effective, yet pleasant to the taste and acceptable to the system, and not only prompt in its beneficial effects, but also wholly free from any unpleasant after-effects. It is frequently resorted to as the remedy of the healthy, because it is used by people who enjoy good health and who live well and feel well and are well informed on all subjects generally, including laxatives. In order to get its beneficial effects, it is necessary to get the genuine Syrup of Figs, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

Devise for Watchmen Labeled Carriage.

The postoffice department in Washington is experimenting among the Washington letter carriers with a device for keeping tabs on carriers so they make their rounds from box to box, and if the experiment is decided to be a success the new system will probably be adopted for the entire country. The device is founded on the same principle as the alarm which night watchmen pull once an hour, or half-hour, attending to business. It is attached to the inside of letter boxes, and on return from his route the carrier deposits slips of paper which contain an accurate register of the places he has visited. If adopted by the department the device will be intended as much for the protection of honest, faithful carriers as for the detection of those who are inclined to be shiftless and careless.

Our Good Side and Our Bad.

There is a good side and a bad side to every man. We see only the good side of some men, and we wonder that he is not esteemed by all as we esteem him. We see only the bad side of another man, and we are surprised that others prize him as we cannot. We are right and we are wrong in both cases. Both men have both sides, and we ought to recognize this in our estimate of them. It is with ourselves as with our fellows; we have a good side and a bad side, and those about us are likely to judge us by the one side or the other. It will be well for us if we gain a lesson from the judgment of others as to our two sides. It ought to help us to make progress in the right direction and to repress the faults and defects for which others judge us harshly.—B. S. Times.

More Faith.

Act according to your faith; do the works of your faith. You believe that God is holy and that your life should be pure; you believe that God is love and that we must love even to sacrifice; and this I venture to say to you that tomorrow you will have more faith.—Eugene Herrier.

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